Significant Disproportionality

Arizona defines significant disproportionality with respect to identification, placement, and discipline according to the following measurements (applies to students with disabilities aged 6–21):

Identification of Children with Disabilities	Weighted Risk Ratio for Over Representation	Target Racial/Ethnic Group		Other Racial/Ethnic Groups
	≥ 5.00	30		30
Placement in Particular Educational Settings	Weighted Risk Ratio	Target Racial/Ethnic Group		Other Racial/Ethnic Groups
inside regular class≥ 80% of day	≥7.00	30		30
inside regular class < 40% of day	≥7.00	30		30
in separate schools, residential, homebound	≥7.00	30		30
Disciplinary Actions	Rate		Target Racial/Ethnic Group	
	≥10.0% + State rate		50	

Weighted Risk Ratio

A risk ratio is a measure of the risk that a student from a specific racial/ethnic group will be served in a specific disability category compared to the risk of all other students being served in that category. Weighted Risk Ratio takes into account the racial/ethnic composition of all students in the state in the calculations. In this approach, the risk for each racial/ethnic group in a district is weighted by the racial/ethnic composition of the state.

Required Actions

States must conduct an analysis of LEA numerical information on an annual basis. When a LEA is identified with significant disproportionality the State must require the LEA:

- 1) Review (and, if appropriate) revise policies, procedures, and practices;
- 2) Reserve the maximum amount (15%) of funds for early intervening services.
- 3) Publicly report the revision of any policies, procedures, and practices.